

# Sunny Start Core Partners Meeting Summary

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday July 28, 2009 – 1:00 – 3:00

**Location:** Indiana State Dept. of Health, Rice Auditorium

**Facilitators:** Dr. Judy Ganser; Andrea Wilkes

Staff - Maureen Greer, Rylin Rodgers

**Participants:** Ryan Brown, Sally Reed Crawford, Kim Minniear, Rebecca Kirby, April Thayer,

Gayla Hutsell, Mary Jo Paladino, Jennifer Akers, Steve Viehweg, Angie Tomlin, Janet Deahl, Dianna Wallace, Susan Lightle, Dr. Anna Dusick, Michael Conn-Powers, Julia Tipton-Hogan, Glenna Asmus, Karen Teliha, Audie Gilmer, Lisa

Henley, Kent Smith, David Roos, April Thayer, Daniel Clendenning

**Items of Interest** Next Core Partners Meetings:

October 27, 2009, January 26, 2010, April 27, 2010, and July 27, 2010

Please note that meeting time has been shifted to 1:30-4pm. If you are unable to attend a meeting please send a proxy.

**Attachments:** Your Child's Medical Home Presentation

First Steps Audit Presentation

Early Childhood Meeting Place Presentation

# Summary of Meeting:

The meeting began with a welcome and a review of the participant packet. Included in the packet were:

- The agenda;
- The current work plan;
- A copy of the PowerPoint to be reviewed by Lora Miller
- A copy of the PowerPoint to be reviewed by Kim Minniear
- Sunny Start Materials Packet: Health Care Financing fact sheets, Medical Passport, Medical Passport Special Health Care Needs Addendum, Medical Passport jump drive, Developmental Calendar in English and Spanish,

#### **Updates**

• Sunny Start Funding Update: The \$140,000 per year funding has been cut to \$105,000. This reduction will impact work plan timelines.

- Indiana scored highest of any other state for its 2009 2010 application
- Russ Lyman, PHD, was in Indiana on May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> for a Case Study site visit of our Early Childhood Mental Health System. His report from The Commonwealth Fund will be coming soon.
- The Project Launch application was submitted in partnership with United Way of Central Indiana. We expect to hear prior to October 1<sup>st</sup> if this proposal will be funded
- Dr. Joe Zogby, MCHB ECCS Project Officer, will be visiting for ITMH Summer Institute
- Dr. Dusick thanked Sunny Start for Funding the Medical Home Learning Collaborative

### **Early Childhood Meeting Place**

Michael Conn-Powers shared an update on the Sunny Start resources available on the Early Childhood Meeting Place (presentation is attached). Copies of each resource were shared with Core Partners. Andrea shared that funding is needed to make additional developmental calendars and wellness passports available Suggestions for funding sources should be sent to Andrea Wilkes, <a href="mailto:Awilkes@isdh.in.gov">Awilkes@isdh.in.gov</a>.

#### **CISS Update**

This grant was funded. The primary focus will be on medical home. The project is in the process of recruiting 12 pediatric and family medicine practices to form learning collaborative around medical home. Currently recruiting staff (project facilitator and parent consultant). Kim shared an overview presentation focusing on "What is a Medical Home" (attached). Discussion focused on how impact of collaborative on practices will be tracked. OMPP shared that data about clinical improvements will be key to Medicaid funding priorities.

David Roos indicated that the Care Select CMO's should receive Kim's PowerPoint.

Please share feedback on the PowerPoint with Kim, KMinniear@isdh.IN.gov.

#### **Comprehensive State Early Childhood Advisory Council**

Susie Lightle shared information about this council whose mandate is a part of the Head Start Act. The Act outlines the requirements for each state's governor to create this committee and the required participants of the committee. The Head Start Collaboration Director is to serve but not chair the committee. Funding between \$500,000 and \$1.9M is available to each state to support the work plan and efforts of its Early Childhood Council. To receive the federal funds states must provide a match. Currently, Indiana is not pursuing this funding because of the inability to produce the match. Indiana is looking into how to fund the match. The Early Learning Challenge Fund is pending legislation and would possibly support furthering a Council work plan but an Early Learning Council must exist.

David Roos asked if community sources could provide the matching funds. In kind can be used for matching funds. Without the blessing of the governor, Indiana can't move forward. This opportunity is open until August 2010. Angie Tomlin asked what the task of the council is. It is to ensure that all early childhood efforts are coordinated. Ideas for available funding should be sent to Susie, <a href="mailto:susan.lightle@fssa.in.gov">susan.lightle@fssa.in.gov</a>.

David Roos asked that the Core Partners receive updates about the status of the council and funding at future quarterly meetings. The question was raised if the council is proscribed to have a similar make-up to the Sunny Start Core Partners or of Early Education Commission, part of the existing Education Round Table. There is some overlap among the groups.

#### **First Steps**

Lora Miller and Michael Conn-Powers shared audit results (the presentation is attached). Questions about the decrease in enrollment for children under the age of one were raised. Because of limited time Lora gave her email address, <a href="mailto:lora.miller@fssa.in.gov">lora.miller@fssa.in.gov</a>, to committee members who have further questions. Lora shared that decisions on how to spend stimulus dollars will not be made at the program level. Web-based case management and providers training were submitted as suggestions. Suggestions can be directed to Lora Miller, <a href="mailto:lora.miller@fssa.in.gov">lora.miller@fssa.in.gov</a>.

The state budget funding for First Steps has been reduced by \$300,000. The way First Steps is funded was discussed. Major funding currently comes from TANF, Medicaid, private insurance, and cost participation. At the end of each fiscal year there is a margin "shortfall" that is covered by the general fund. Lora shared that it would be helpful to have assistance promoting First Steps to providers and to share with not-for-profits that the Systems Point of Entry contracts will be going out for request for proposals next year.

#### **Tabled Item**

Due to lack of time Dianna Wallace will speak at our next meeting about data regarding the status of young children in Indiana.

#### **Announcements:**

- The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Infant Mental Health is August 14, 2009. Details are available at <a href="https://www.mhai.net/events.htm">www.mhai.net/events.htm</a>.
- Infant-Toddler Specialist of Indiana Institute August 20-21, 2009, details are available at www.iaeyc.org.
- The Guide By Your Side parent mentoring program for families whose child is diagnosed with a hearing loss is launching. More information is available by contacting Lisa Kovacs, <a href="mailto:lkovacs@isdh.IN.gov">lkovacs@isdh.IN.gov</a> or 317-605-3885.
- August 12, 2009, is the next ICC meeting. The agenda and location can be found at <a href="http://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/2633.htm">http://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/2633.htm</a>.

## **Next Steps**

- Rylin will work with subcommittees to set up meetings and start on work plans. If you are not yet on a subcommittee please contact Rylin, <a href="mailto:rylin@ilines.net">rylin@ilines.net</a>.
- Parent participants can receive stipends.